Denver, Colorado
September 8, 1975

I, John V. Almon, being duly sworn, hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agent in Charge of the Tampa Office, Francis M. Mullen, Jr., and Special Agent in Charge of the Denver Office, Theodore P. Rosack.

Mr. Mullen has advised me that information has come to the Bureau's attention indicating the possibility that Lee Harvey Oswald had personally appeared at the Dallas Office sometime prior to the assassination of former President Kennedy. He has also advised me that at the time of his visit Oswald may have left a note which was intended for Special Agent James P. Hosty, Jr.

It was common knowledge in the Dallas Office that Lee Harvey Oswald did, in fact, visit the Dallas Office two to three days before the assassination of President Kennedy, at which time he left a threatening note with the receptionist which was addressed to Agent Hosty. It was also common knowledge in the Dallas Office that this note was not placed in Oswald's file and was destroyed. I never personally viewed the note.

To the best of my recollection, the first reference I heard to the note was several days following the assassination of President Kennedy and I do not recall precisely which Agent

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first mentioned the existence of such a note. To the best of my recollection it was either Agent Edwin D. Kuykendall, Agent W. Harlan Brown or Agent Wallace R. Heitman, who were assigned to security type investigations. It may have been Agent Richard E. Harrison, Agent Robert P. Gemberling, who was in charge of coordinating the Oswald investigation, or Agent Robert M. Barrett, who was a close personal friend of Lieutenant Jack Revill, who was at that time assigned to intelligence, Dallas Police Department, and who had maintained close contact with Agent Hosty during the investigation of intelligence matters. Due to the extended period of time I do not recall who first mentioned the note. The note was discussed at many intervals since that time, but I never heard anyone say they actually read it.

Mrs. Nannie Lee Fenner, Receptionist at that time, as I recall mentioned the note on several occasions and appeared to have some personal knowledge of it and may, in fact, have read it.

According to the information which I received, the note made no reference to President Kennedy, but on the other hand, was a threat directed toward Agent Hosty if he did not stop harassing Oswald's wife, Marina.

There was some discussion among Agents whose identities I do not now recall, as to whether this note

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constituted a violation of the law in view of the threat to an Agent. I think that Bob Gemberling mentioned this and possibly Agent Heitman, however, I cannot be certain due to the passage of time.

From conversations with Agents in the Dallas Office it was my understanding that some consideration was given to presenting the note to the United States Attorney's Office for prosecutive opinion in view of the threat against Agent Hosty. Before any decision could be made on the matter, Oswald assassinated President Kennedy.

I heard through an employee of the Dallas Office whose identity I cannot recall that there was a meeting of Supervisors and Agents who were coordinating the investigation, which would have included Special Agent in Charge J. Gordon Shanklin, Assistant Special Agent in Charge Kyle G. Clark, Supervisor Kenneth C. Howe, Agents Hosty, Gemberling and Manning C. Clements. The purpose of the meeting was to decide what to do about the note. I personally do not know what decision was made or who made the final decision in this matter, but there was little discussion pertaining to the note following the meeting until the assassination matter came before the Warren Commission. At that time there was some further mention of the note, and to the best of my recollection, Mrs. Fenner made reference to it on several occasions.

Following the release of the report by the Warren Commission, the matter subsided and there was little mention

of the matter until some years later. The matter would occasionally come up in conversation during luncheon and Agent gatherings. I recall that on one occasion during a friendly card game composed of Special Agents of the Dallas Division, which was usually held on Friday nights following pay-day, the question of the note arose, and one Agent remarked that he wondered what the Bureau would do if they knew about the note. Agent Gemberling replied with words to the effect, "You had better hope they never do find out." The conversation then turned to other topics and it was not brought up again during this particular meeting.

I also recall that during the Agent gatherings, Agent Vincent E. J. Drain and former Agent Ural E. Horton, Jr. made mention of the note and questioned what the Warren Commission would have done had they known about the note and what would happen if the newspapers found out about it. Both appeared from the conversation to have some personal knowledge of the note. On one occasion when the matter arose and either Drain or Horton voiced the inquiry, Agent James W. Anderton, who was Relief Supervisor on Desk IV, remarked "I don't know what you are talking about; I never saw the note," leaving the impression that he wanted nothing whatsoever to do with the matter.

During June, 1975, shortly before his retirement, Agent Horton remarked in the Agent's room in the presence of Agents Will Hayden Griffin, Drain and Anderton and myself, and

possibly Joseph J. Hanley, that he wondered what would happen if the newspapers found out about the threatening note which Oswald left for Hosty. Someone, possibly Drain, replied, "Let's hope the newspapers never find out about the existence of the note," and the matter was dropped.

To the best of my recollection, this was the last reference made to the note in my presence while I was assigned to the Dallas Division, and the only additional information that I have comes from articles in various newspapers.

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Sworn to and subscribed to before me on the 8th day of September, 1975, at Denver, Colorado.

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